

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Howard M. Kingston  
Assignee: Metara, Inc.  
Title: Method And Apparatus For Automated In-Process, Isotope Dilution  
Threshold And Quantification Measurement Mass Spectrometry  
Serial No.: 10/004,627 Filing Date: 12/04/2001  
Examiner: James P. Hughes Group Art Unit: 2881  
Docket No.: M-15307 US

Irvine, California

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DECLARATION OF JONATHAN HALLMAN IN SUPPORT OF THE FILING  
UNDER RULE 1.47(A)

JONATHAN HALLMAN, having been duly sworn, does hereby depose and say as follows:

That, as an attorney at the law firm of Macpherson, Kwok, Chen, & Heid LLP (hereinafter "the MacPherson firm"), he represents the assignee of the present application in the prosecution of the present application. That during the course of this representation, it became clear that, without deceptive intent, the present application had been filed with incorrect inventorship. That he then sought to correct the inventorship of the present application. That, pursuant to the correction of the inventorship, he placed with an overnight express delivery service on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004 a copy of the present application, a revised declaration, and a cover letter explaining that Metara was seeking to correct the inventorship of the present application for delivery to Howard Kingston's attorney at the law firm of Cohen & Grigsby. A copy of the March 10<sup>th</sup> cover letter is attached. That he placed with an

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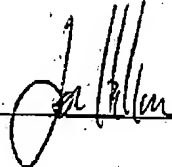
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overnight express delivery service on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004 a second copy of the present application, a second revised declaration, and a second cover letter explaining that Metara was again seeking to correct the inventorship of the present application for delivery to Howard Kingston's attorney at the law firm of Cohen & Grigsby.

FURTHER DEPONENT SAYETH NOT,

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